

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema, asthma, and other chronic lung diseases, is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, COPD is the only chronic illness with a rising death rate; and

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease costs the United States an estimated \$31.9 billion and 119,000 lives each year; and

WHEREAS, early detection and diagnosis, effective treatment, and patient education are key to reducing the incidence and slowing the spread of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2006 as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this chronic and progressive disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA